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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

INITIAL CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO CHNOUPEK INVITATION: EMBASSY PRAGUE REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH THE CZECHOSLOVAK ATTITUDE ON THE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK TO THE U. S. IS POSITIVE THE CZECHOSLOVAKS CLEARLY ARE DISAPPOINTED NOT TO GET AN INVITATION FOR A SEPARATE VISIT. THEY STILL HOPE THAT THE VISIT WILL BE SUBSTANTIVE -- GOING BEYOND THE SIGNING CEREMONY -- EVEN IF IT TAKES PLACE DURING THE UNCA.

DURING A DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. CHARGE ON AUGUST 29, ZANKOVSKY, CHIEF OF THE U.S. SECTION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, CONFIDED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS HOPED FOR A VISIT INCLUDING SERIOUS TALKS WITH YOU, A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT IF POSSIBLE, MEETINGS WITH MR RUSH, SECRETARY DEPT AND SOME CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, POSSIBLE PRESS CONFERENCES, AND A VISIT TO A SECOND CITY BESIDES WASHINGTON. ZANKOVSKY SAID THAT FORMAL REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND ASKED THE CHARGE TO REPORT THE ABOVE VIEWS CONCERNING A SUBSTANTIVE VISIT.

ZANKOVSKY STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND TOOK STRONG ISSUE WITH U.S. COMPLAINTS AS REPORTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE LACK OF CZECHOSLOVAK ACTION ON DIVIDED FAMILIES, NEGATIVE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS COVERAGE OF THE U.S., AND A BELIEF THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE DOING LESS FOR DETENTE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN EASTERN EUROPE. HE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS DOING ITS BEST IN THESE MATTERS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED A CHANCE TO DISCUSS POLICY SERIOUSLY AND TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO NORMALIZE AND BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

THE EMBASSY URGES THAT WASHINGTON MAKE THE VISIT A SUBSTANTIVE

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ONE THAT WILL MARK AN IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. - CZECHOSLOVAKIA RELATIONS. IT POINTS OUT THAT WITH SVOBODA SO ILL, A RECONFIRMATION OR RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE LEADERSHIP IS BOUND TO TAKE PLACE AND THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO ENCOURAGE HUSAK THAT DETENTE CAN WORK FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOO. (GATES)

BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIVES U.S. AMBASSADOR UNUSUALLY FRIENDLY INTERVIEW: AMBASSADOR HERZ MET WITH BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV ON AUGUST 26 FOR THE MOST FRIENDLY TOUR D'HORIZON BETWEEN A U.S. OFFICIAL AND A HIGH-RANKING BULGARIAN IN RECENT MEMORY. MLADENOV CLEARLY WANTED TO SET THE BEST TONE POSSIBLE FOR THE VISIT OF DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV TO THE U.S. IN LATE SEPTEMBER. MLADENOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BULGARIA DOES NOT RANK HIGH IN U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS ("WE DON'T EVEN RANK AMONG THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN..."), BUT ASSERTED THAT MUCH COULD BE DONE IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT YOU STOP IN SOFIA ON ONE OF YOUR EUROPEAN OR MIDEAST TRIPS.

DURING THE MEETING, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION; PUSHED HARD FOR INCREASED U.S.-BULGARIAN COOPERATION IN TRADE, TOURISM, NAVIGATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; AND REJECTED WESTERN PRESS SPECULATION THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN FISHING IN THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE GREEK-TURKISH CONTROVERSY. MLADENOV WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 22 AS HEAD OF THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (GATES)

FAMMI MOSCOW VISIT BEING SCHEDULED: PLANS FOR EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAMMI'S ONCE-POSTPONED VISIT TO MOSCOW ARE BEING FIRMED UP. [REDACTED] THE SOVIETS HAVE NOTIFIED CAIRO THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM IN MID-OCTOBER AND THE EGYPTIANS ARE NOW PLANNING FOR OCTOBER 10-17. THEY EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT SHORTLY. CHIEF OF STAFF GARASSY IS EXPECTED TO GO WITH FAMMI NOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE STARTED TO RESUME ARMS SUPPLY SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT. (NIENUSS)

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ARAB STRATEGY -- SOUTH ARABIA: THE FOLLOWING IS A WRAP-UP OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING ARAB STRATEGY IN SOUTH ARABIA.

--- SOUTH YEMEN PRESIDENT ALI IS STILL EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO ON SEPTEMBER 5, ACCORDING TO LATEST INTELLIGENCE. IF THE VISIT GOES THROUGH, IT SHOULD PROVIDE THE EGYPTIANS AN OPPORTUNITY AT A MINIMUM TO DISCUSS THEIR GENERAL CONCEPT OF A MODERATE PAN-ARAB STRATEGY FOR THE LOWER GULF DIRECTLY WITH THE ADEN LEADER.

--- ASHRAF HARWAN'S LATEST TRAVELS -- CURRENTLY IN PROCESS -- ARE TO INCLUDE SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, ALGERIA, IRAQ, AND IRAN,

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IN SUPPORT OF EGYPT'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND GULF AND TO CARRY ON THE NEW DIALOG IN RELATIONS WITH IRAQ WHICH IS ONE ASPECT OF EGYPT'S GULF POLICY. ACCORDING TO MARWAN, TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE TO FOCUS ON A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PAN-ARAB FORCE IN OMAN, INCLUDING AN INITIAL FORCE OF FOUR BRIGADES, ONE EACH FROM EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, AND ABU DHABI. HE MAINTAINS THAT OMAN IS AGREEABLE TO THIS AS MAINLY A POLITICAL GESTURE, BUT HE WILL STOP IN MUSCAT FOR FIRM ASSURANCES. MARWAN ALSO WANTS TO REVIVE THE IDEA OF EGYPT'S LEASING PERIM ISLAND FROM SOUTH YEMEN. ONE MAJOR SNAG, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNDERWRITE THE LEASING. ACCORDING TO MARWAN, KING FAYSAL IS NOW AWARE OF FAND'S PLANS FOR SAUDI MONEY FOR ADEN AND IS NOT AGREEABLE UNLESS PDRY BREAKS OPENLY WITH THE SOVIETS. MARWAN'S LATEST THINKING IS THAT THE UAE COULD PAY FOR LEASING, WITH PRINCE FAND ARRANGING SAUDI PAYBACK AT SOME LATER DATE, AND THAT EGYPT WOULD PROVIDE 1,000 EXPERTS TO ADEN TO REPLACE THE SOVIETS. MARWAN IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT TEHRAN WITH KAMEL ADHAM. THIS IS PURSUANT TO EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI INTEREST IN WINNING THE SHAH'S SUPPORT FOR AN ARAB MILITARY PRESENCE IN OMAN. THIS VISIT WILL ALSO BE TIED TO THE SAUDI MISSION BEING SENT BY KING FAYSAL TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN THE FREEZING OF OIL PRICES.

--- NORTH YEMEN, AGAIN CITING THE THREAT OF A MILITARY BUILDUP BY THE SOUTH, IS DISPATCHING ANOTHER DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, AND LIBYA TO DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE. BOTH PRESIDENT HAMD AND PRIME MINISTER AL-AYNI CONTINUE TO BE DEPRESSED BY THE SAUDI RESPONSE TO DATE AND WILL AGAIN ARGUE IN JIDDA THAT IT IS IN SAUDI INTERESTS TO STRENGTHEN THE NORTH MILITARILY. (NIERUSS)

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